



# St Angela's Primary School

## Castle Hill

# SHINE

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**27th October 2016**  
**Term 4, Week 3**

Dear Parents,

**St Angela's, Castle Hill**  
**Celebrates Grandparents**  
**Tomorrow, Friday 28th October**  
**Commencing at 8:45am**  
**All welcome**

St Angela's school Community invites all grandparents to join us for a celebration of joy and thanksgiving to honour the gift of grandparents. We hope that this day will continue to strengthen the bonds grandparents have with their grandchildren and nurture the unique tradition that we share in each family.

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This is a wonderful event and is a highlight of our calendar for all grandparents who enjoy visiting the school. Please see additional information in this newsletter regarding morning tea and parking.

There will also be a book fair operating in the library.

We hope you can join us.

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Each year, I like to publish the following extract which always receives very positive feedback. I thought it would be once again timely to repeat it, especially given that tomorrow so many wise, experienced and extraordinary people will be visiting our school for Grandparent's Day.

### **Some Good Advice From a 90 Year Old**

To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 40 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written (by Regina Brett, 90 years of age).

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

- ◇ Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- ◇ When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- ◇ Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- ◇ Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
- ◇ Pay off your credit cards every month.
- ◇ You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- ◇ Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
- ◇ It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.

- ◇ Save for retirement starting with your first pay cheque.
- ◇ When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- ◇ Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
- ◇ It's OK to let your children see you cry.
- ◇ Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- ◇ Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
- ◇ Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
- ◇ Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
- ◇ Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
- ◇ It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
- ◇ When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
- ◇ Over prepare, and then go with the flow.
- ◇ Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
- ◇ No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
- ◇ Frame every so-called disaster with these words "In five years, will this matter?"
- ◇ Always choose life.
- ◇ Forgive everyone everything.
- ◇ What other people think of you is none of your business.
- ◇ Time heals almost everything. Give time.
- ◇ However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
- ◇ Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- ◇ Believe in miracles.
- ◇ God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
- ◇ Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
- ◇ Growing old beats the alternative - dying young.
- ◇ All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
- ◇ Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
- ◇ If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
- ◇ Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
- ◇ The best is yet to come.
- ◇ No matter how you feel, get up, dress and show up.
- ◇ Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

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This coming week we celebrate All Saints and All Souls. We keep in our prayers all those who have gone before us who are now at eternal rest with Christ by their side.

*Thank you for your continued support. It is in partnership that we can achieve great things for our children.*

*Tony Calabria*  
*Principal*

## **Important Upcoming Dates to Note**

**Grandparents' Day**  
*Tomorrow, Friday 28th October at 8:45am*

**St Angela's Disco**  
*Thursday 3rd November*

**Staff Development/Pupil Free Day**  
*Friday 4th November*

## **Grade Assemblies**

Please note whole school assemblies for Term 4 are as follows:

**Week 4** - This Monday 31st Oct at 2.15pm led by Year 2  
**Week 5** - Monday 7th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 6  
**Week 6** - Friday 18th Nov at 2.15pm led by Year 5

All parents are most welcome to join us.



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## Religious Education

*Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C*

**Gospel Luke 19:1-10 Jesus enters the house of Zacchaeus**

Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character!

'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming.

### Mission Week

As a school, we continue our challenge to 'reach out' in order to be of service to someone in our families or community. Through a small act of mission the children will raise money (\$2 a task maximum) which will be donated to Catholic Mission and Baclayon Central Elementary School, Mary Immaculate Parish Bohol, Philippines where Mrs Lean and I participated in our mission encounter for WYD last term.

The children have shared some of their the acts of service at assembly each morning this week:

- ♦ Taking out the Rubbish
- ♦ Washing the dishes
- ♦ Cleaning the car
- ♦ Weeding the garden

*On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. **Pope Francis***

*Taken from the Vatican, 15 May 2016, Solemnity of Pentecost*

### All Saints and All Souls Day

Next Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of All Saints and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is the Feast of All Souls. 3 Green will lead the school in a prayer celebration at assembly.

The Feast of All Saints is a rich and beautiful tradition within the Church. It honours those who have died, it reminds us that we are part of a wider communion of holy people, and it affirms our faith in God's loving fidelity.

This is a day for us to remember the lives of the saints and to celebrate their holiness. Pope John Paul II invited all Catholics to be saints of the New Millennium. During his Pontificate, he beatified 1338 men and women and canonized 482 new saints. Holiness is not reserved for priests and religious alone. All people, no matter what their walk of life or background, are invited by Jesus Christ to follow Him.

Who are the saints of your life?

Mrs Michelle Yager  
Religious Education Coordinator

## Second Hand Uniforms

If there are any families who would like to donate uniforms, could you please send them to the office by tomorrow, **Friday 28th October**.

Many thanks.

### Sent Home in the Last Week:

Emailed: New Website Information, Year 2 Mission Week, Term 4 Parent Calendar, Grandparents' Day and Book Fair, K Green Parents  
Hard Copy: Disco Flyer



## Upcoming Dates

### Week 3

**Fri 28th Oct**

Grandparents' Day - See Further information in this Shine

### Week 4

**Mon 31st Oct**

2:15 pm Year 2 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

**Thurs 3rd Nov**

St Angela's Disco in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall (Details sent home earlier this week)

**Fri 4th Nov**

**Staff Development/Pupil Free Day**

### Week 5

**Mon 7th Nov**

2:15pm Year 6 Grade Assembly in St Maximilian Kolbe Hall - All welcome

**Tues 8th Nov**

Kindergarten 2017 First Orientation Session  
9:00-10:30am A-F and G-L  
11:00-12:30pm M-R and S-Z

**Thurs 10th Nov**

8:45am Fun(d)raising Committee Meeting

**Fri 11th Nov**

11:00am Year 6 Remembrance Day  
Assembly Prayer - All welcome  
10:00am Year 5 Surf Education

## Quote of the Week

*"Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great."*

## Theme for the Week:

### "Learning is Living"

*Our theme this week encourages children to learn from everything they do. Whatever the experience, giving thought to what has been learnt or taken place allows the children to prepare for future situations. Our theme this week also implies that we can learn so much from those who have the wisdom that comes with living through experiences. The grandparents and elderly who will visit our school tomorrow have a wealth of experience to share with us.*

## Grandparents Day Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 Visit our Book Fair in the Library!

*All grandparents of St Angela's are warmly invited to purchase a book for their grandchildren to enjoy at home. Parents are also welcome to purchase books for their children, perhaps a Christmas gift or summer reading.*

*We invite one and all to visit the Library between 8am-8:30am or 9:30-11:30am with their grandchildren, to view the selection of books available. Payment can be made by cash, cheque (payable to St Angela's) or EFTPOS.*

**St Angela's Disco  
Next Thursday 3rd November  
Flyer sent home earlier this week  
Please return slip with payment by  
this Tuesday 1st November**

## Celebrating our Gifts

### Academic Excellence

Mason Kelly KB  
Euan Adji KG  
Camila Diaz KY  
Sophie Wallace 1B  
Alex Milas 1G  
Yasemin Vancuylenberg 1Y  
Olivia Ochudzawa 2B  
Luke Wehrmann 2G  
Dineth Jayakody 2Y  
Ariella Colosimo 3B  
Olivia Sultana 3G  
Jessica Hohn 3Y  
Owen Sereni 4B  
Oliver Vujnovich 4G  
Keira Murphy 4Y  
Tessa Phelan 5B  
Annaliese Losco 5G  
Leon Reyes 5Y  
Declan Agius 6B  
Sophie Laudams-Gulbis 6G  
Serena Adoranti 6Y

### St Angela's Award

Charlotte Lockwood KB  
Elly Gohil-Bozic KG  
Jayden Younis KY  
Elishia Singh 1B  
Ruby Chapman 1G  
Max Vallejo 1Y  
Yorick Lee 2B  
Freya Begg 2G  
Ava De Carlo 2Y  
Aaron Hohn 3B  
Jason Fahmy 3G  
Ava Bizzanelli 3Y  
Lara Perez 4B  
Raymond Saade 4G  
Brinley Lewis 4Y  
Juliusz Jonski 5B  
Joel Woodhead 5G  
Robert Kelly 5Y  
Connor Bourne 6B  
Chloe Pace 6G  
Jade Goodall 6Y

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to members of our St Angela's community who will celebrate their birthday this coming week:

### OCTOBER

**Mon 31st**

Fynn Vander Stok

**Wed 2nd**

Julian Basso

James Hakme-Bader

Lucas Trimboli

### NOVEMBER

**Tues 1st**

Sarah Crowley

Logan McDonald

**Fri 4th**

Masen De Carlo

## Star Spot

Congratulations to Tessa Phelan (5B) who competed in the State Championships for National Level 3 Gymnastics on Sunday. Tessa scored well on all four apparatus and was awarded an overall Gold medal.

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Congratulations to Liam Christie (brother of Dominic 4B and Finnian 2Y) who was selected to represent Australia in the 2016 Indo Pacific Trampoline Championships recently held in New Zealand. Liam was competing against athletes from five countries and won a Gold medal in Double Mini Trampoline and a Bronze medal in the Individual Trampoline events.

## ICAS Mathematics Competition

Congratulations and very well done to the following children (whose names were omitted from last week's newsletter) who received a distinction and credit in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools optional Maths competition.

**Distinction:** Kiara Lee

**Credit:** Emily O'Rourke

## KINDERGARTEN 2017 STUDENTS' TRANSITION PROGRAM ORIENTATION SESSIONS

### Tuesday 8th November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-F, G-L

11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname M-R, S-Z

### Thursday 17th November

9:00am-10:30am Students with surname A-F, M-R

11:00am-12:30pm Students with surname G-L, S-Z

### Friday 25th November

9:00am-12 noon All students (children will need recess)

On Friday November 25th, parents are asked to remain for the first hour, 9.00-10.00am, to share a cuppa and for a parent question and answer session. Oz Fashions will also be selling uniforms from 12 noon to 2:30pm.

## Change of School for 2017

To estimate enrolments for 2017, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving St Angela's at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

## Artists of the Week

Congratulations to our artists for this week:

Freya Begg (2G)

Riley Mackay (5G)



Children's artworks are proudly displayed in the Library.

## FINAL GENERAL PARENT MEETING FOR 2016 WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER AT 7:00PM

### AGENDA

- \* Prayer & Welcome
- \* Review minutes of last meeting
- \* Committee Reports
- \* Naplan feedback
- \* 2016 in Review
- \* 2017 Future Planning

Come along and join us for our final General Parent Meeting for the year. All are welcome.

## Keep Us Informed

For our 'Star Spot' or 'Keep in our Prayers' newsletter sections, please convey in writing to the office via your child or email, any significant achievements or experiences that as a community, we can acknowledge, celebrate or pray for together.



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**As a large number of visitors are anticipated we ask that you bring in a plate to share for morning tea if you have a grandparent attending.** Your contribution can be left in the hall this afternoon, Thursday 27th October or tomorrow morning, Friday 28th October.

**Morning tea/catering arrangements:** The morning tea will be in the hall and we kindly ask families to assist with the catering. It would be appreciated if goodies are provided on disposable plates and ready to serve (nut free please). To ensure a balance of food items -

- ▲ all yellow classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring cakes, scones or pikelets;
- ▲ all blue classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring slices or biscuits;
- ▲ all green classes (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) are kindly asked to bring sandwiches, savouries, dips or cheese & biscuits.

Families with more than one child at school are only required to provide one plate of whichever category they would like to choose. Although we have lots of seating, any additional fold up chairs etc. would be beneficial as we are certainly expecting a large number of visitors. **If you are able to assist in setting up, serving or packing up, please contact the office or volunteer on the day.**

### Parking

To assist with our elderly visitors, the Kiss and Drop may also be used for grandparents to be dropped off. Additionally all car parking at the front of the school and around the hall will be made available for elderly who have restricted mobility etc. (ie. disabled parking).

## Book Club

A reminder that Scholastic orders are due back at school tomorrow, **Friday 28th October** - LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Envelopes should be clearly marked: BOOKCLUB, NAME, CLASS AND AMOUNT. **Payments are accepted by cheque (made payable to Scholastic) and credit card, cash IS NOT ACCEPTED.** Credit card payments are made as per instructions on the Book Club brochures. Credit card information is not to be written on the order forms. If you wish to pay by credit card YOU must ring scholastic on the 1800 number on the order form or online payment at [www.scholastic.com.au/payment](http://www.scholastic.com.au/payment). The receipt number is then to be recorded on the order form then forwarded with your order. There must be a receipt number with your order or I cannot process the order. Thank you.  
Athena Woolnough (0432 682 508)  
Book Club Coordinator

## Mark the Date Year 6 Celebrations Year 6 Disco - Sunday 4th December Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - 7:00pm Thursday 15th December

## Why is my Child's Teacher out of Class?

Like professionals in other fields, all teachers are required to keep up to date with current thinking on best practices and new developments in areas such as technology. From time to time teachers are required to attend professional development opportunities to learn about changes to curriculum, new methods of teaching & learning and other ways of integrating technology. These sessions sometimes occur during the day, after school or in the school holidays. Teachers also have entitlements such as long service leave, maternity leave, family leave etc., sick leave, bereavement leave, jury duty etc. Consequently there will be times when your child's teacher is absent from the classroom. On these days the teacher's program and day book is followed. Teachers on a grade work closely together allowing the grade partner to liaise with the relief teacher so that good teaching and learning continues and routines are kept.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

## Support Services for Students and Parents

As part of the pastoral care program provided by the Catholic Education Office, counselling is available to students and their parents, if required. Our Counsellor, Mrs Helen Boerma, is at St Angela's on Thursdays and alternate Mondays. Mrs Boerma works with children who may require support, coping and managing due to some of life's challenges, including loss of a loved one, divorce, dealing with friendships, behaviour (home and/or school), anxiety, depression, anger etc. Counselling opportunities can be discussed with Mrs Fitzalan or Mr Calabria or your child's class teacher.

## Year 6 Parent Dinner

A dinner has been organised for all Year 6 parents. Details are as follows:

When: 7:00pm, Monday 21st November  
Where: Full Moon Thai, Castle Hill  
RSVP: Thursday 17th November to Bec Nati on 0414 966 203 or Irena Van Der Heyde on 0424 228 515

## WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

Where: Wesley Uniting Church Grounds  
32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.  
Dates/Times: Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 (operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm) and Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 (also operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm)



All past students, staff, parents and friends of Catherine McAuley Westmead (formerly known as Catherine McAuley Girls High) are invited to return to school to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Golden Jubilee Mass to commence at 12 noon, Morley Centre, Catherine McAuley Westmead  
Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen  
OFM Conv DD, Bishop of Parramatta

Following Mass enjoy a 'trip down memory lane' with memorabilia, displays, hospitality and performances.

Further information please contact School Reception: 9849 9100 or [mcauleywestmead@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mcauleywestmead@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
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# BACK TO McAuley DAY

**SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016,  
12 NOON - 4.30PM**